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1. The applicants after final amendment will not be entered since it would raise new matter. The previous claimed invention in originally presented claims 131-138 contained a flexible plate located on the drum side of the mass feed chamber, in claims 132 and 133, the pressure means (and pressure cushions), are also stated as being positioned on the drum side, and positioned transversely with respect to the direction of rotation of the drum. In the after final amendment, the proposed amended claim now states, first a plurality of radially movable lamellae movably supported between the walls of the housing, and second, the pressure cushions provided between the inner wall of the housing and the lamellae. These two features are new matter to the previously claimed invention.

2. In regards to the arguments, the arguments are based upon the newly submitted proposed amended claims, such as the structure of the lamellae and the pressure cushions which contains structural arrangements that were not previously in the claims. Since the after final amendment is not entered, the rejections stand based upon the still standing claims.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EMMANUEL S. LUK whose telephone number is (571)272-1134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays from 9 to 5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra N. Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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